

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are filed in response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2006. This amendment is timely filed. Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Response to Restriction Requirement

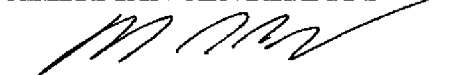
In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement and requires election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- A: Claims 1-19 and 37-42, drawn to a system for article handling with image separation, classified in class 382, subclass 175.
- B: Claims 20-30 and 57, drawn to a system for article handling with image processing, classified in class 209, subclass 584.
- C: Claims 31-36, 43-47, 52, 53 and 56 drawn to a method and system for variable speed conveyors, classified in class 198, subclass 460.1.
- D: Claims 54-55, drawn to a method for image analysis and labeling, classified in class 382, subclass 180.
- E: Claims 58-61, drawn to a method for scanning articles, classified in class 382, subclass 101.

Applicant hereby elects invention B (claims 20-30 and 57) for further prosecution. Applicant also amends claims 5, 6, 8-10, 12-19, 43-45 and 47 to depend from claim 20, and requests further prosecution of these claims in addition to claims 20-30 and 57. Withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, and further examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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